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Idaho Milk Production Up 1.8 Percent

Idaho milk production during May 2010 totaled 1.08 billion pounds, a 1.8 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 4.4 percent from April 2010. April 2010 milk production was revised to 1.03 billion pounds, up 5 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in May 2010 was 1,930 pounds, up 20 pounds from May 2009. The average number of milk cows during May was 557,000 head, up 4,000 from May 2009, but unchanged from April 2010.

Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 15.7 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from May 2009. April revised production at 15.2 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from April 2009. The April revision represented an increase of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,889 pounds for May, 55 pounds above May 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.33 million head, 143,000 head less than May 2009, but 4,000 head more than April 2010.

Milk Cows and Production: by Month, Idaho, 2009-2010

Month	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
January	554	551	1,810	1,860	1,003	1,025	2.2
February	549	554	1,640	1,690	900	936	4.0
March	550	554	1,840	1,880	1,012	1,042	3.0
April	551	557	1,800	1,850	992	1,030	3.8
May	553	557	1,910	1,930	1,056	1,075	1.8
June	549		1,880		1,032		
July	550		1,930		1,062		
August	548		1,940		1,063		
September	546		1,850		1,010		
October	546		1,870		1,021		
November	548		1,790		981		
December	550		1,850		1,018		
Annual	550		22,091		12,150		

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Idaho Red Meat Production Down 14 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for May 2010 totaled 15.9 million pounds, down 14 percent from May of last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-May 2010 period totaled 83.2 million pounds, down 13 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.73 billion pounds in May, down 5 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in May 2009. Beef production, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, down 2 percent from May 2009. The average live weight was down 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,249 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 2 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 60,400 head, down 8 percent from May 2009. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from last year, at 286 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.62 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.97 million head, down 6 percent from May 2009. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 272 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 3 percent from May 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 182,700 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 2 pounds from May a year ago. January to May 2010 commercial red meat production was 19.7 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	May 2009	April 2010	May 2010	May 2010 as % of 2009 ^{2/}
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
California	137.7	142.3	137.4	100
Colorado	162.1	168.7	160.2	99
Idaho	18.5	16.4	15.9	86
Illinois	211.6	224.0	201.3	95
Iowa	515.8	541.5	461.2	89
Kansas	454.6	434.5	416.4	92
Minnesota	196.1	219.3	201.8	103
Montana	1.6	1.6	1.6	98
Nebraska	586.9	577.8	547.8	93
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	90
Oklahoma	94.8	98.2	84.7	89
Oregon	4.1	4.7	4.8	117
South Dakota	68.8	80.4	68.7	100
Texas	454.0	412.9	422.8	93
Utah	34.6	35.3	35.9	104
Washington	67.2	67.1	66.7	99
Wyoming	0.5	0.4	0.4	79
United States	3,919.5	4,012.9	3,731.7	95

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

All Cattle in Idaho: Top Ten Counties

January 1, 2009		January 1, 2010	
<i>County</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Head</i>
Gooding	265,600	Gooding	287,800
Cassia	212,000	Jerome	244,700
Jerome	200,000	Cassia	202,000
Twin Falls	158,400	Twin Falls	152,600
Owyhee	137,100	Owyhee	136,600
Canyon	115,600	Canyon	110,000
Elmore	107,000	Elmore	109,000
Bingham	94,000	Bingham	93,600
Jefferson	75,100	Ada	77,400
Bonneville	67,000	Jefferson	69,000

Idaho Cattle on Feed Up from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on June 1, 2010 totaled 210,000 head, up 5,000 head from June 1, 2009. The cattle on feed inventory is unchanged from the May 1, 2010. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May totaled 32,000 head, down 3,000 head from May 2009 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during May totaled 31,000 head, down 8,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 during May.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on June 1, 2010. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.02 million, 23 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.92 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 445,000, 600-699 pounds were 405,000, 700-799 pounds were 537,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 635,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.87 million, 4 percent below 2009. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of May since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 102,000 during May, 1 percent above 2009.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	June 1, 2009	May 1, 2010	June 1, 2010		
			Number	As % of 2009	As % of May
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
Arizona	301	268	263	87	98
California	470	*425	425	90	100
Colorado	980	940	970	99	103
Idaho	205	210	210	102	100
Iowa	530	600	590	111	98
Kansas	2,080	2,130	2,130	102	100
Nebraska	2,110	2,240	2,140	101	96
Oklahoma	310	325	345	111	106
South Dakota	220	235	230	105	98
Texas	2,610	2,510	2,640	101	105
Washington	156	175	178	114	102
Other States	330	385	373	(X)	97
United States	10,407	*10,443	10,494	101	100

* Revised 1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. (X) Comparison to 2009 is not applicable.

Stocks In Cold Storage

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on May 31, 2010, totaled 892 million pounds, slightly higher than April 30, 2010, but down 8 percent from May 31, 2009. Other frozen potatoes, at 217 million pounds, were up 6 percent from April stocks, but down 8 percent from the same month last year.

United States stocks of butter on May 31, 2010, totaled 212 million pounds, up 3 percent from the end of the previous month, but down 16 percent from May 31, 2009. Stocks of American cheese totaled 617 million pounds, up 1 percent from April 30, 2010, and up 5 percent from last year.

Commodity	May 31, 2009	April 30, 2010	May 31, 2010	2010
				2009
<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
POTATOES				
French Fries	967,888	888,563	891,641	92
Other Frozen	235,295	205,156	216,881	92
TOTAL	1,203,183	1,093,719	1,108,522	92
DAIRY				
Butter	253,310	206,291	211,528	84
Natural Cheese American, Total	586,053	609,520	617,236	105